H. Preservation of records of the erstwhile Princely States

(8) Resolution by Shri J. K. Jain

"Resolved that the records of historical importance which have been retained by the former rulers, thikanedars, jagirdars and officials be preserved (in situ) by concerned State Archives".

Explanatory Note : As the Members of the Commission are aware of the fact that soon after Independence and the amalgamation of various former States in the Union of India quite a sizable bulk of records was retained by the former rulers, jagirdars and officials on the plea that these records were of their personal use and related to their property, etc. Since then it has been found out that in most of the cases these people have lost interest in these records and those have been lying with them uncared. At the same time due to sentimental reasons they are not willing to part with these also. Under the circumstances the best course would be that all such collections which are open for the survey scheme or in cases where owners are willing to get their collections preserved, be preserved in their respective premises by the concerned State Archives. No doubt it may amount to an additional work for the concerned State Archives and some financial burden too in term of insecticides, etc., but this will definitely win the hearts of all such owners who in turn may be more co-operative and helpful in making their collections available for survey and research. Otherwise, in view of the existing financial difficulties or lack of interest of most of the owners, the future of such collections is rather uncertain.

Standing Committee's views : These problems have been discussed time and again at the previous sessions of the Commission. The enactment of an Archival Law in respect of records of National Importance which is under the consideration of the Government, will take care of such problems.

Proceedings : The resolution was discussed in some detail and passed as members felt that States Archives should certainly be authorised to preserve important historical records. Wherever they might be located.

> **Resolution IV :** "Resolved that the records of historical importance which have been retained by the former rulers, thikanedars, jagirdars and officials be preserved (in situ) by the concerned State Archives".

I. Microfilming of records of Parthagali Math

9. Resolution by Dr. G. S. Dikshit

"In view of the fact that the Records of Parthagali Math in Goa will throw light on the relations of the Math, with the Adil Shahi, Maratha, Portuguese and other contemporary powers and also on the religious, social and economic conditions during the last three centuries and therefore are of national importance, the Indian Historical Records Commission recommends that these records should be microfilmed by the National Archives of India and thus preserved for all times and also be made available to research students in Goa and Delhi".